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OCT 10 2006 I, Elea B. Lutz, hereby certify that this correspondence, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.8, is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on:

Date: 10/5/06 By Elea B. Lutz

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): John C. Opie et al. Docket No.: 32303 00003  
Application No.: 10/618,456 Group Art Unit: 3731  
Filing Date: July 11, 2003 Examiner: Charles H. Sam  
TITLE: PERCUTANEOUS DEVICE AND METHOD FOR HARVESTING TUBULAR BODY MEMBERS

**TRANSMITTAL OF RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Commissioner:

Herewith is a response in the above-identified application to the Office Action mailed on June 5, 2006. Applicant hereby petitions, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136, that the shortened statutory response period be extended for one (1) month up to and including October 5, 2006.

Enclosures:

[ ] Applicant asserts Small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27.

**FEE CALCULATION, CLAIMS AS AMENDED:**

	Claims remaining after amendment		Highest number previously paid for	=	Present Extra	x	\$ 50.00	=	Additional Fee
Total Effective Claims	30	minus	33	=	0	x	\$ 50.00	=	\$0
Independent Claims	5	minus	6	=	0	x	\$200.00	=	\$0.00
								Subtotal:	\$0.00

Fee Calculation: Request for extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)

[ x ]	Response filed within first month after due date – add	\$120.00	
[ ]	Response filed within second month after due date – add	\$450.00	
[ ]	Response filed within third month after due date – add	\$1020.00	
[ ]	Response filed within fourth month after due date – add	\$1590.00	
[ ]	Response filed within fifth month after due date – add	\$2160.00	
[ ]	Terminal Disclaimer fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.20(d) – add		
		Subtotal:	\$120.00

If one of the “small entity” boxes above is checked, enter half (1/2) of the second subtotal and subtract.

TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE ENCLOSED: \$120.00

[X] Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-3878 in the amount of \$ \$120.00.

[ ] A Squire, Sanders & Dempsey L.L.P. check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is attached.

This statement does NOT authorize charge of the issue fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee specifically authorized hereafter, or any deficiency in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith or concerning any paper filed hereafter, and which may be required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.18 (deficiency only) now or hereafter relative to this Application and the resulting Official document under 37 C.F.R. §1.20, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 19-3878 for which purpose a duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

*10/5/06*

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